



Washington State Department of Early Learning

Regional Coalition Updates

Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) Meeting

August 10, 2015 – 9:00 am to 3:30 pm – Lacey Community Center

Regional Coalition Update

First 5 FUNDamentals of Pierce County

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- On July 8th, over 50 people attended Project Child Success' Annual Celebration. The afternoon allowed for partner organizations and their family members to celebrate Pierce County's early learning movement. Blowing giant bubbles, decorating gliders, creating community art, and enjoying good food in beautiful Spanaway Park allowed for an excellent afternoon of celebration.
- On July 15, Susan Barbeau presented Project Child Success' STEAM work to Governor Jay Inslee, as part of the monthly Results Washington Review. At these meetings, state agency directors present objectives, improvement strategies and metrics related to specific goal areas. July's meeting focused on Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) opportunities in Washington's education system. PLAYing up STEAM is a project that aims to increase science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) skills of child care providers and families living in the Hilltop neighborhood of Tacoma. It was an honor to present a local perspective of work happening in early learning.
- Photos and video of both events can be seen at projectchildsucces.org/blog

Inland Northwest Early Learning Alliance, Northeast

- No updates to share at this time.

Investing in Children: Coalition Central

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- Our Robert Wood Johnson grant is underway and the executive team of Investing in Children will be the "coachees". We are going to be focused on Strategic Planning and Sustainability for the Coalition along with advancing Racial Equity in all that we do.
- We will be learning from one another at our August meeting including sharing about parenting classes taking place in the region – how families access, the structure of the class, outcomes and success stories
- We have two NEAR (Neuroscience, Epigenetics, ACEs, and Resilience) coaches trained in our region and we'll be hearing from one of them at our August meeting. This work is being offered in partnership with Foundation for Healthy Generations and the ACEs Learning Institute
- Our Strategic Planning Retreat is scheduled for October. We hope to incorporate strategies we learned in community cafes into this Retreat. We believe this work will help us discuss our goals thoughtfully.

North Central

Regional Coalition Update

- No updates to share at this time.

Northwest

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- Recently completed series of 8 PreK-K Dinner & Dialogue events throughout the region with 272 PreK & K teachers, administrators and community partners in attendance. Agenda discussions included updates by county and by region regarding Washington Early Achievers, Kaleidoscope Play & Learn and PreK-K transition documents.
- We are in the process of collecting and documenting PreK-K transition forms received; preparing for delivery to school districts in early August.
- Coalition members are collecting community stories and data from NWEL partners. We are developing our first draft of State of Children and Families Report for coalition feedback end of August. Publication is scheduled for early September. This year we have incorporated the Racial Equity Theory of Change graphic into the document and expanded our focus on using a racial equity lens.
- Planning underway for early numeracy training pilot to take place with PreK and K teachers in Skagit County beginning fall 2015. Regional team to participate in early numeracy planning meeting with OSPI and other partners early August at Starting Strong. Modules developed will be used in a pilot.
- Partnering with United Way to research and coordinate regional professional development for 0-3 service providers and home visitors.

Olympic-Kitsap Peninsulas

- No updates to share at this time.

SOAR, King County

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- The SOAR 2015 Summit will be held on Friday, October 9th from 8:00am – 4:00pm at the Renton Community Center. The Summit will focus on equity in outreach and engagement across the developmental continuum from prenatal to young adulthood. Funding support is being provided by Thrive Washington and United Way of King County.
- SOAR remains active in multiple regional collective action initiatives, including the Road Map Project in South King County and Eastside Pathways, which focuses on the Bellevue School District.
- SOAR Getting School Ready Action Teams (GSR) were active in 25 elementary schools during the 2014-15 academic year. A precursor to WaKIDS in connecting schools, early caregivers and parents of young children, GSR teams engaged nearly 3,300 families and 238 early care providers in school readiness activities.
- SOAR promotores are wrapping up a major project in educating families about the hazards of childhood exposure to household waste.
- SOAR promotores will participate in over 20 community education events promoting parent engagement and getting school ready activities.

Southeast

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- Through our partnerships, we will be distributing 10,000 books to 5 different school districts.
- We are in the process of enhancing our communication plan. We are working on finalizing our logo, regional website and regional information graphic.

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Southwest Washington Early Learning (SWEL)

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- Recruitment has started for the REACH racial equity training that will be held in Vancouver on August 29th. Each county coalition is working to recruit natural leaders and professionals in their area for the event.
- Planning is underway for our 2nd annual Home visitor's conference. This year's conference will be held on November 13th in Longview, WA on the Lower Columbia College campus. We are seeking out trainers for 3 sessions: Engagement in home visits and socializations, home visitor safety, and family and parental mental health. This year we plan to have more intentional networking time where home visitors can visit tables and collect resources on other home visiting programs in our region.

Visions for Early Learning, West Central

- No updates to share at this time.